

PAYNE BILL FREES OIL OF TAX

HOUSE AMENDMENT PASSES TO
MAKE PETROLEUM DUTY
INSIGNIFICANT

COUNTERVAILING DUTY KILLED
AND TEA AND COFFEE GO
ON FREE LIST.

HOUSE WILL REPORT SATURDAY

SENATOR STONE WANTS LIMIT
FIXED ON OCCUPATION
OF PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—This was a bad day for the republican organization of the house. By a coalition between some republican "insurgents" and the democrats, the ways and means committee was bowled over and the advocates of free crude oil and its products won a signal victory when an amendment to Mr. Norris of Nebraska, placing the insignificant duty on 1 per cent ad valorem on those articles, was adopted by a substantial majority.

A decision of the chairman that amendments could not be offered to the oil schedule other than covered by the rule of last Monday, which provided for the removal of the countervailing duty on crude petroleum and applied an ad valorem duty of 25 per cent, was overturned, and not even a fervid appeal by the speaker, in an endeavor to rally the republican forces, was sufficient to stem the tide avowedly against the Standard Oil company.

By a virtually unanimous vote the countervailing duty went out, as the committee had recommended.

On all other propositions the committee was sustained. The barley schedule ran the gauntlet without any change. Tea and coffee were placed on the free list. A colloquy, at first humorous, but later resulting in personal allusions, developed between Stanley of Kentucky and Clark of Florida, and was terminated only upon objection of Crumpacker of Indiana, that it was against the dignity of the house.

SENATE WILL RECEIVE
HOUSE BILL SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Onslaughts on their senate committee on finance by prominent members of congress have become so vigorous since it became known that the work of inserting rates in the tariff bill had actually begun that there is danger of revision being decidedly upward, it is said, unless deaf ears are turned to importunate interests.

The only persons now seen by the committee are senators and delegations introduced by senators, in the forenoon. Other delegations wait about the corridors all day to see individual committeemen during recess.

Good progress is being made and Aldrich, chairman, said today that he could predict that when the bill was reported it would be seen that the revision had been downward, especially upon necessities of life.

It is probable the senate will be in session on Saturday in order to receive the Payne bill from the house. A session of the finance committee then will be held in order to make up amendments that have been decided upon and send the bill to the printing office.

The democratic members of the committee will be called in and an effort made to obtain an agreement with them that will permit reporting the bill on Tuesday.

OBJECTS TO FREE TRADE
WITH THE PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Opposition to the Payne tariff bill amendment providing revenues for the Philippine islands, has become general on the part of the democratic senators, and attacks upon it are expected by the senate committee on finance. On that account this section has been laid aside to be considered by the full committee. Senator Stone of Missouri wants to strike out of the Payne bill section 5, providing for free trade with the islands with certain limitations upon the amount of sugar and tobacco that may be imported in any one year.

The Stone amendment will provide that the United States must define its policies with reference to the Philippines and fix a limitation, not more than fifteen years hence, upon American control of the islands. It provides that the United States shall then withdraw and deliver over the government to the Filipinos.

Under this amendment, this country

would be required to make treaties to secure the independence and neutralization of the islands.

A further provision is made that all products grown in the Philippines shall be entitled to free entry, and in return, all agricultural machinery, implements, cotton and cotton manufactures, books, and publications, machinery of all kinds needed in the manufacture of Philippine goods, and other articles that are wholly the product of the United States, shall be entitled to free entry to the Philippines.

The Stone amendment is to become operative when it has been approved by the Filipino assembly.

WILL OFFER CENSUS
BILL IN SENATE SOON

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The house bill to provide for the next census will be reported to the senate next Thursday by Mr. LaFollette, chairman of the committee on the census. In making the announcement LaFollette stated he would ask the senate to proceed to the consideration of the bill Friday and thereafter until it is finished.

BIG SUM DEMANDED
BY YOUTHFUL
BANDIT

ADMITS WRITING BLACK HAND
LETTER DEMANDING IM-
MENSE SUM.

SAYS HE ACTED AS CATSPAW

WAS LURED TO CAPTURE BY OLD
GAME OF PLACING BOGUS
PACKAGE AS BAIT.

ATLANTA, April 7.—Charged with an attempt to blackmail Asa G. Candler, president of the Atlanta chamber of commerce, and Atlanta's wealthiest citizen, out of \$35,000 by "black hand" methods, Daniel W. Johnson, Jr., 18 years old, and a member of Mr. Candler's Sunday school class, was arrested tonight.

Johnson admits the charge, but declares he was the catpaw of three strangers who, he claims, forced him to write the demand for money under penalty of death.

Candler received last Friday the first of two letters written by plotters, in which he was asked to place \$35,000 under the steps of the pastor's study of a church on Monday night, "or you and your family will meet a horrible death." He received a second warning letter on Sunday. Candler then called George M. Sutton, chief post-office inspector of the Atlanta district, and it was decided to trap the blackmailer.

Candler drew \$35,000 from the bank of which he is president. Monday night he made up a package and placed it at the point designated, the real money in the meantime remaining at his residence. Two detectives kept watch near the fake package, but no one appeared.

Mr. Candler received a telephone message yesterday, demanding that he place \$1,000 at a secluded spot. Again the fake package was prepared and placed at the spot designated.

Johnson appeared from the darkness tonight, caught up the package and started to run, but was captured by the detectives on watch.

OPERATORS OFFER
TO EXTEND OLD
WAGE SCALE

IF ALL OTHER METHODS FAIL,
MINERS WILL APPEAL TO
PRESIDENT TAFT.

PHILADELPHIA, April 7.—At a meeting today between representatives of the coal operators and the officials of the United Mine Workers of America, representing anthracite workers of Pennsylvania, to consider demands made by the miners, the operators denied all demands and submitted instead a proposition to extend for another term of three years the wage agreement brought about by the anthracite strike.

In order that the proposition be laid before the officers of the mine workers' organization of three anthracite districts the conference adjourned to meet again tomorrow at 3 o'clock. The wage agreement which the operators seek to have renewed expired on March 31, but the miners are working under its terms.

The agreement does not provide for recognition of the union and this, it is said, is the bone of contention.

It is said that if negotiations fail the miners will appeal to President Taft.

STANDARD OIL LIKE
HUMAN SYSTEM
IN FORM

ATTORNEY FOR TRUST MAKES
UNIQUE ARGUMENT IN DIS-
SOLUTION CASE.

MISS TARBELL IS PATENTEE

SAYS GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO
ROB HER OF HONOR IN DIS-
COVEY OF PLOT.

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—"Miss Ida Tarbell is entitled to a patent on the alleged Standard Oil conspiracy of 1879," declared Lawyer M. B. Milburn, the Standard Oil company's chief counsel, today, during his argument before the United States circuit court in the government's suit to dissolve the Standard as a violator of the Sherman anti-trust law.

"And," he added, turning toward Federal Attorney Kellogg, "the government here is trying to deprive her of it."

Mr. Milburn compared the Standard to the human body, with its many ramifications corresponding to the blood, and its pipe lines to the veins and arteries.

"To dismember this corporation," he said, "would be to strike it dead. It is like the organism of the human frame. Every part of it is so related to the others that to separate them would be to dismember and destroy it."

Instead of being a menace to the independent refiners, Milburn declared, the Standard had always led the way and blazed the trail in the oil world, and the independents had to follow as they had always done.

Milburn will conclude his argument tomorrow.

HUSBAND AND WIFE
BRAWLED OVER
LETTER

PARENTS AND RELATIVES TES-
TIFY IN TRIAL OF MRS.
GEORGIA SAMPSON.

LYONS, N. Y., April 7.—The father and mother and two brothers of Georgia Sampson, charged with killing her husband, Harry Sampson, were called to the witness stand today.

A sad figure in the courtroom was Mrs. George Sampson, mother of the murdered man.

It was established that shortly before Harry Sampson staggered into the dining room and fell dead, Mrs. Sampson was seen on the second floor of her apartment. Through Mrs. Allyn, the defendant's mother, the state brought out that Robert Hanson of Niagara Falls had written to Georgia inviting her and a friend, Miss Mildred Corvoss, to spend a few days in Niagara Falls.

Harry quarreled with his wife over the letter. Mrs. Sampson's lawyers state that Hanson had written asking Mrs. Sampson to act as a chaperone.

John Ebert, a neighbor, declared Harry Sampson had smokeless powder cartridges in his possession on the day of the shooting. The defense contended that this explains why no powder marks were visible on Sampson's shirt.

JAP COMMISSIONERS
DINE AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—In honor of Takutaro Sakai, commissioner general, and Hikijiro Wada, commissioner of the Tokyo exposition, who are in this country in the interest of the Japanese world's fair, a dinner was given at the White House tonight. Among the other guests who sat down in the state dining room were the Japanese ambassador and Baroness Takahira, Secretary and Mrs. Meyer, and Secretary Ballinger.

SMITH CONTINUES AS
PRESIDENT OF MORMONS

SALT LAKE CITY, April 7.—The seventy-ninth annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was concluded today. President Joseph F. Smith and all present authorities of the church were sustained.

WEATHER BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Forecast for Arizona: Fair Thursday and Friday.

Women to Storm
Legislators
en Masse

CHICAGO, April 7.—The new supply of ammunition against the Payne tariff bill as it applies to hosiery and gloves, to wit, A petition, containing approximately 350,000 names which, when bound, will make twenty-eight big volumes, was started for Washington from this city today.

The petition is the work of women and it left Chicago in care of several prominent club women. A committee of Washington women will welcome the visitors tomorrow, after which the Illinois congressional delegates will listen to much information concerning women's wearing apparel and the prices thereof.

DRY TOWN OFFICERS
SOLD BOOZE TO
CITIZENS

LIVERYMAN HAS SALOON IN HAY
MOW AND UNDERTAKER SELLS
WHISKEY IN OFFICE.

LAKEVIEW, Ohio, April 7.—Mayor Charles S. Miller and four other citizens were arrested today on the charge of conducting "blind tigers." The mayor was elected on a "dry" platform. He is agent for the Ohio Electric Traction company, and is accused of selling liquor from a back door of the traction station.

Among others arrested were E. D. Carr and A. L. Byers. Byers conducted a livery stable and is accused of having dispensed liquor from his hay mow. Carr is the town undertaker. He is said to have kept whiskey for sale in his place of business.

WISCONSIN DEYS LOSE
MILWAUKEE, April 7.—Municipal elections were held in a large number of cities throughout Wisconsin today, the issue of "licenses" or "no licenses" being at stake. License carried in the majority of places heard from.

About twenty towns voted wet while about fourteen voted dry.

TWIN FALLS GOES WET.

BOISE, April 7.—After one of the hottest campaigns in the history of Boise, Joseph Pence, democrat, was elected mayor over John Haines, republican, the incumbent, by 150 majority.

Twin Falls went "wet" by seventy-seven majority. Carl Kahn of the business men's ticket was elected mayor.

STATE OF COLORADO ON
ROAD TO "DRYTOWN"

DENVER, April 7.—The question of prohibition was the main issue in the municipal elections held in Colorado outside of Denver today.

In the majority of towns where the question of prohibition was submitted, the anti-saloon party was victorious. Colorado Springs went "dry" by 2,000 majority.

Of twenty-five towns from which returns were received at midnight, eighteen voted to become dry and seven voted to license saloons.

STILL LACK JUROR

CALHOUN JURY BOX GAINS NONE
AFTER WEEK OF DILIGENT
EXAMINATION.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Fifteen men were put through the slow process of interrogation by counsel today in an effort to complete the jury to try Patrick Calhoun, but all were discharged from the box because of fixed opinions as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant. Just a week ago the eleventh juror was passed to the box, subject to peremptory challenge.

The thirty-third special venire, composed of sixty tax payers, was summoned to appear Friday morning, and lawyers will devote their time tomorrow to the remaining dozen members of the thirty-second.

MEXICAN RAILROADS TO
SPEND MANY MILLIONS

MEXICO CITY, April 7.—It was announced today by the board of directors of the National Railways of Mexico that \$12,000,000 will be spent in the near future to improve the Mexican Central line in changing the inter-oceanic railway between Mexico City and Vera Cruz into a broad gauge system.

MINER FOUND DEAD
IN BOTTOM OF
WELL

ED BOWERS' DEATH DUE TO
HEART FAILURE INDUCED BY
HARD DRINKING.

Sitting in the bottom of a shallow well which he had been digging, about ten miles below town, Ed Bowers, a well known miner, was found dead yesterday afternoon.

From the position of the body, death was evidently from natural causes. No marks of violence were found to indicate that any foul play had been committed.

Heart failure induced by acute alcoholism is supposed to have caused Bowers' death. He is said to have been drinking to excess for the past several days and shortly before he went to his mining claim for the last time, he remarked to friends that he was not feeling well.

He had been a heavy drinker for several years, and the fact that he was working below the surface probably brought on the attack of heart failure sooner than it might have otherwise occurred.

Bowers was about 37 years of age and unmarried. He is a son of George Bowers and had worked as a miner for many years.

F. L. Jones brought the body to this city last night and an inquest will probably be held today.

ONE LAD KILLED AND
ONE BITTEN BY WOLVES

KINGMAN, Kan., April 7.—Willie Hotchkiss, aged 10, son of a farmer living near Rago, this county, was attacked and killed by prairie wolves last night, and George Nichols, also aged 10, was severely bitten by the beasts, according to a story received here today.

MISSOURI SOLONSTO
WRESTLE WITH
WHISKEY

GOVERNOR HADLEY MAKES TRAF-
FIC SUBJECT OF HIS MES-
SAGE TO ASSEMBLY.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 7.—

Whether by submitting to the voters of the state a proposed constitutional amendment providing for statewide prohibition, and thus making the subject a matter of active controversy for two years, any useful public purpose would be served, was declared by Governor Hadley today to be the test by which the legislature would treat the measure.

This opinion was expressed in a special message which the executive addressed to the general assembly and in which he discussed the liquor issue at some length.

Governor Hadley declared that absolute prohibition was mentioned in the platform of neither of the major political parties of the state, and therefore the legislature is free to dispose of it as it may see fit. He favored severing saloons from breweries and distilleries and of whiskey dealers from politics. Stringent laws against the sale of liquors in counties which have adopted local option is recommended.

SON OF THE PROPHET
GOES DOWN TO DEFEAT

MUSKEGON, Mich., April 7.—Complete returns now available show that the political debut on Monday of A. J. Gladstone Dowie, son of John Alexander Dowie, the son of the "prophet," resulted in defeat. Dowie was a candidate for county clerk of Montague county on an independent ticket.

LIABILITY LAW VOID.

NEW HAVEN, April 7.—In sustaining the demurrer entered by counsel for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company, Judge Wheeler in the superior court held today that the employers' liability act passed by congress in June, 1908, was unconstitutional.

FAST ROAD BUILDING.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Arthur E. Stillwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad, said tonight that his road would be running trains from Kansas City to San Angelo, Tex., by the first of August, and that he expected the Pacific coast extension to be completed next year.

NORTHEAST WRITHES IN
GRASP OF STORM

Gale Gives Conductor
Thrilling Flight
Through Air

CHICAGO, April 7.—By far the most freakish whim of the storm was to give a perilous ride to Samuel Holland, an elevated railroad conductor. Holland was seated on the runway of a box car on the Metropolitan elevated, when the roof was lifted by the gale. It maintained a horizontal position and Holland went whirling away. He lit over a hundred feet from the starting place none the worse for his experience. The roof settled on the ground with comparative steadiness considering the weight.

Friends among the train crew insisted that the conductor must be internally injured and took him to a doctor, but the physician confirmed the statement of Holland that he was not hurt.

Contest Brewing
in Spokane
Decision

CHICAGO, April 7.—The breach between the interstate commerce commission and the railroads over the western rate situation was widened by two actions, according to information received here today. The Harriman lines petitioned the commission to be relieved from the operation of the order in the Spokane rate case and the executive officials of the western lines decided to contest the commissioner's order in the Denver rate case.

It is expected by the railroads that the petition in the Spokane rate case will be denied by the commission. In that event an appeal will be taken to the courts.

PETITION FOR INJUNCTION
AGAINST PLUMBERS UNION

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—United States Commissioner Peacock, sitting as master in chancery, began taking testimony today in the matter of the petition of the John Douglas company of Cincinnati, for a permanent injunction restraining Local No. 442, Journeymen Plumbers' union, from boycotting goods manufactured by the company.

According to the story unfolded before the commissioner, the company has at all times been a union concern, complying with all union rules, but John Douglas, head of the company, let a contract for the erection of a dwelling in Cincinnati some months ago and non-union labor was employed on the work. Douglas maintains that the contractor employed the men on his own responsibility and over a protest entered by Douglas. The plumbers' union representatives, examined by the commissioner, admitted boycott had been declared against the company and the resolution of the union for enforcing the boycott was read into the record.

ONCE A CHINAMAN
ALWAYS A CHINAMAN

PEKIN, April 7.—A new law of naturalization was formally promulgated today. It provides that Chinese may no longer adopt foreign citizenship and declares that Chinese who in the past have become subjects or citizens of other states are still Chinese. Many Chinese are affected by this ruling, especially those who have registered at Hong Kong as British subjects, as are a number of high Chinese officials at home and abroad.

THIRTEEN STUDENTS DROWNED.

KAMNETH, Russia, April 7.—Thirteen schoolboys drowned near here today as a result of floods. They were on a bridge over the Morritzh river, near the village of Orinina, when the structure collapsed.

ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL.

FLINT, Mich., April 7.—Anonymous blackmailers who have written from Delavan, Wis., threatened the lives of the mother and sister of ten-year-old Harold Moon, whose body was found last Saturday in Thread pond, unless she turns over \$5,000 to them.

BARRY FOULS FERGUSON.

BOSTON, April 6.—Sandy Ferguson of Chelsea defeated Jim Barry of Chicago in the tenth round of a scheduled twelve round bout tonight, but was prevented from winning a straight victory by a foul blow from Barry.

LIVES LOST IN MICHIGAN AND
COMMUNICATION ALMOST
AT STANDSTILL

EIGHT KILLED IN STORM.

DETROIT, Mich., April 7.—At least eight persons lost their lives in the storm that visited Detroit and Michigan last night and today. Three men attempted to cross the Detroit river in a row boat and were drowned.

At Jennings, three men were killed by being caught under a wall blown down by the wind.

The wind's velocity reached sixty-five miles an hour.

HIGH WIND IN PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, April 7.—Weather bureau officials reported the highest wind velocity in the United States at Pittsburgh today, when the maximum record was sixty-eight miles an hour. For a time there was not a wire working out of the city.

SIXTY-MILE GALE.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The high gale prevailing to the west and north of New York today attained its full force at 7:45 tonight, when the wind reached a velocity of sixty miles an hour. A woman and child were badly hurt by being blown off their feet.

The Cunard liner Coronia, from Liverpool, which arrived tonight, could not berth, but was obliged to anchor.

HAVOC IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Wires east of Chicago as far as Pittsburgh went down rapidly in today's gale, according to the telegraph companies. Wheeling, W. Va., reported every wire down east of there. Of the numerous leased wires running east of Chicago, but one was working this afternoon and conditions said to be growing worse.

In this city several persons received minor injuries from toppling fences and loosened sign boards. Scores of plate glass windows were broken.

CLEVELAND ISOLATED.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 7.—The storm which prevailed in Northern Ohio today practically isolated Cleveland from communication with the rest. The gale刮ed havoc in all directions. Telegraph and telephone wires were reported down throughout the state.

Navigation on the lake was made hazardous by the high seas. The barge Norman Kelley is reported to be adrift off Kelley's Island, with four men and a woman aboard. They have no provisions and are in imminent danger of being wrecked.

STORM IN MICHIGAN.

HOUGHTON, Mich., April 7.—The copper country was practically isolated from the outside world today as a result of a blizzard which swept down on the district last night. Telephone and telegraphic communication is demoralized, there being miles of wire down. Between four and six inches of snow fell in Houghton and over a foot in Calumet.

MANY BARNES DESTROYED.

DETROIT, Mich., April 7.—A severe rain and electrical storm which swept over lower Michigan early last night was followed by a wind storm of unusual violence and many accidents and at least one death has been reported.

Dozens of barns in western Michigan were set on fire by lightning. The wind averaged from fifty miles an hour in the western part of the state to sixty-six miles an hour in this vicinity.

ST. LOUIS GOES REPUBLICAN.

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—Returns indicate that St. Louis has gone republican after eight years of democratic rule. At midnight returns from 144 out of 403 precincts gave Frederick Kreieman, republican mayoralty nominee, 19,000 votes, and William Woerner, democrat, 15,003.

MINERS MUST RATIFY
PRESENT WAGE SCALE

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, April 7.—The strike of the western Canada coal miners will be settled in a few days. T. L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, has ordered the district officials to sign the agreement ratified by the miners in their referendum vote at the conclusion of the conference at McLeod.

BASEBALL

COAST LEAGUE.

At Los Angeles—
Los Angeles 12; Vernon 4.
At Portland—
Portland 1; Oakland 6.
At San Francisco—
Sacramento 7; San Francisco 6; seven-inning.